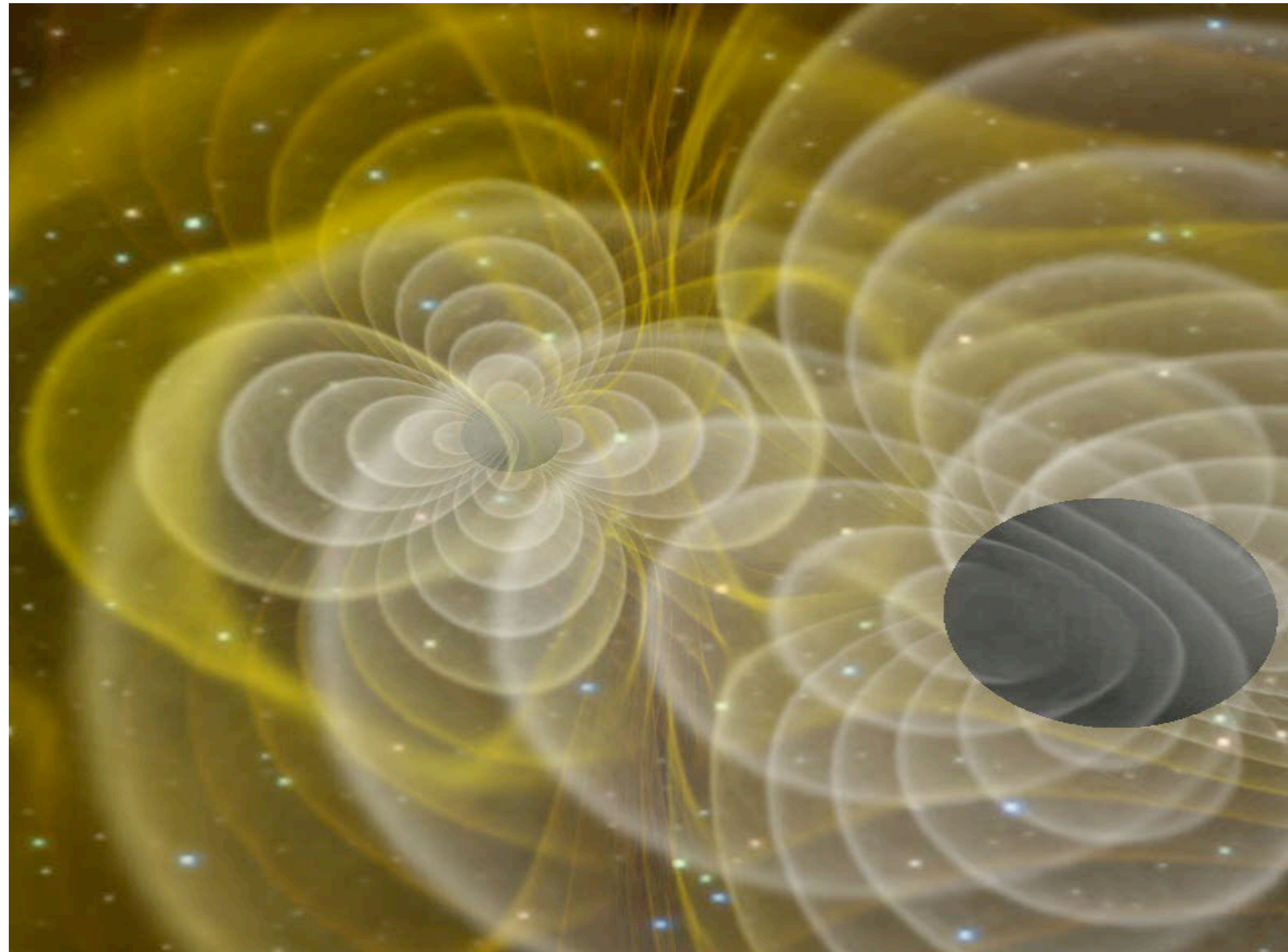


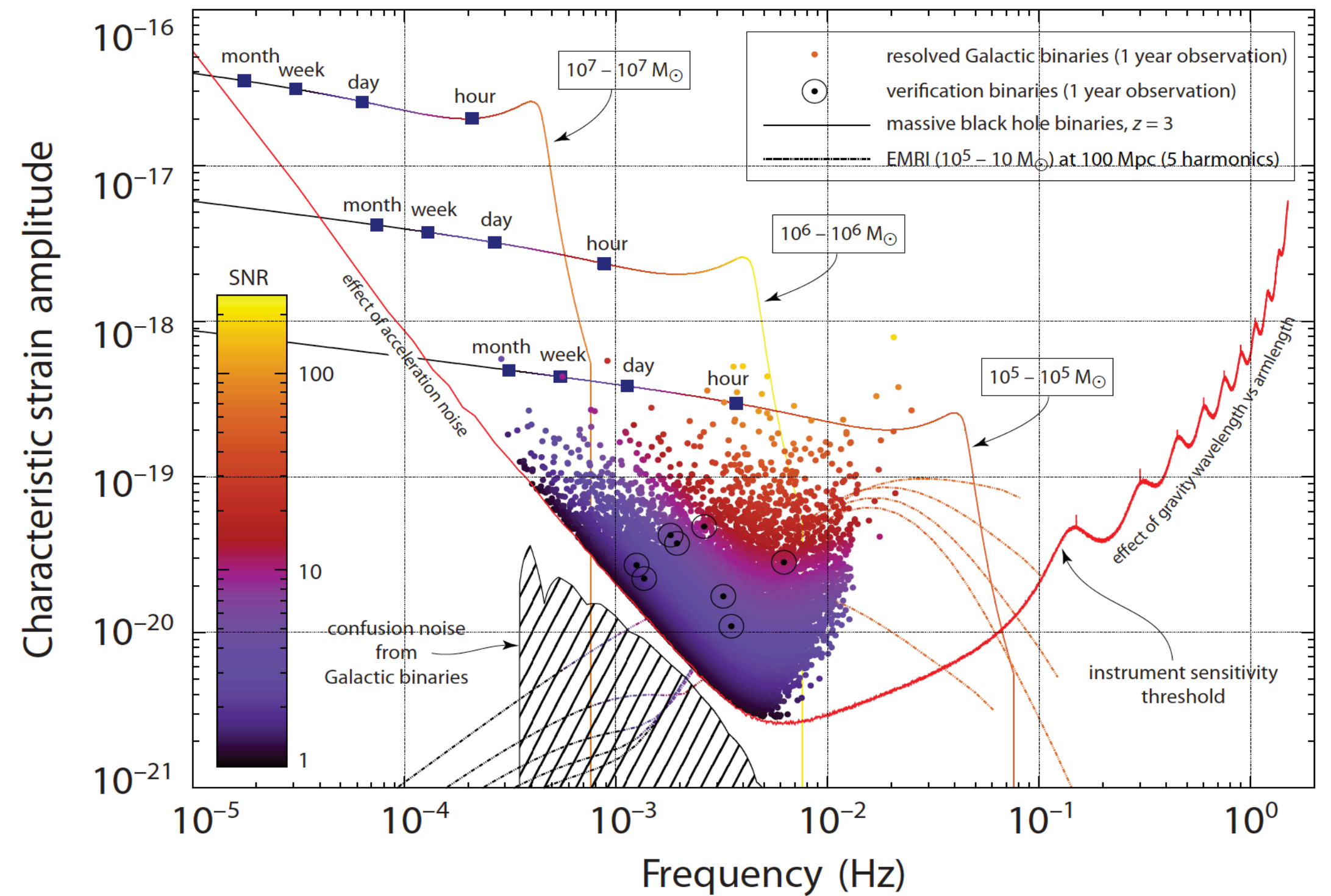
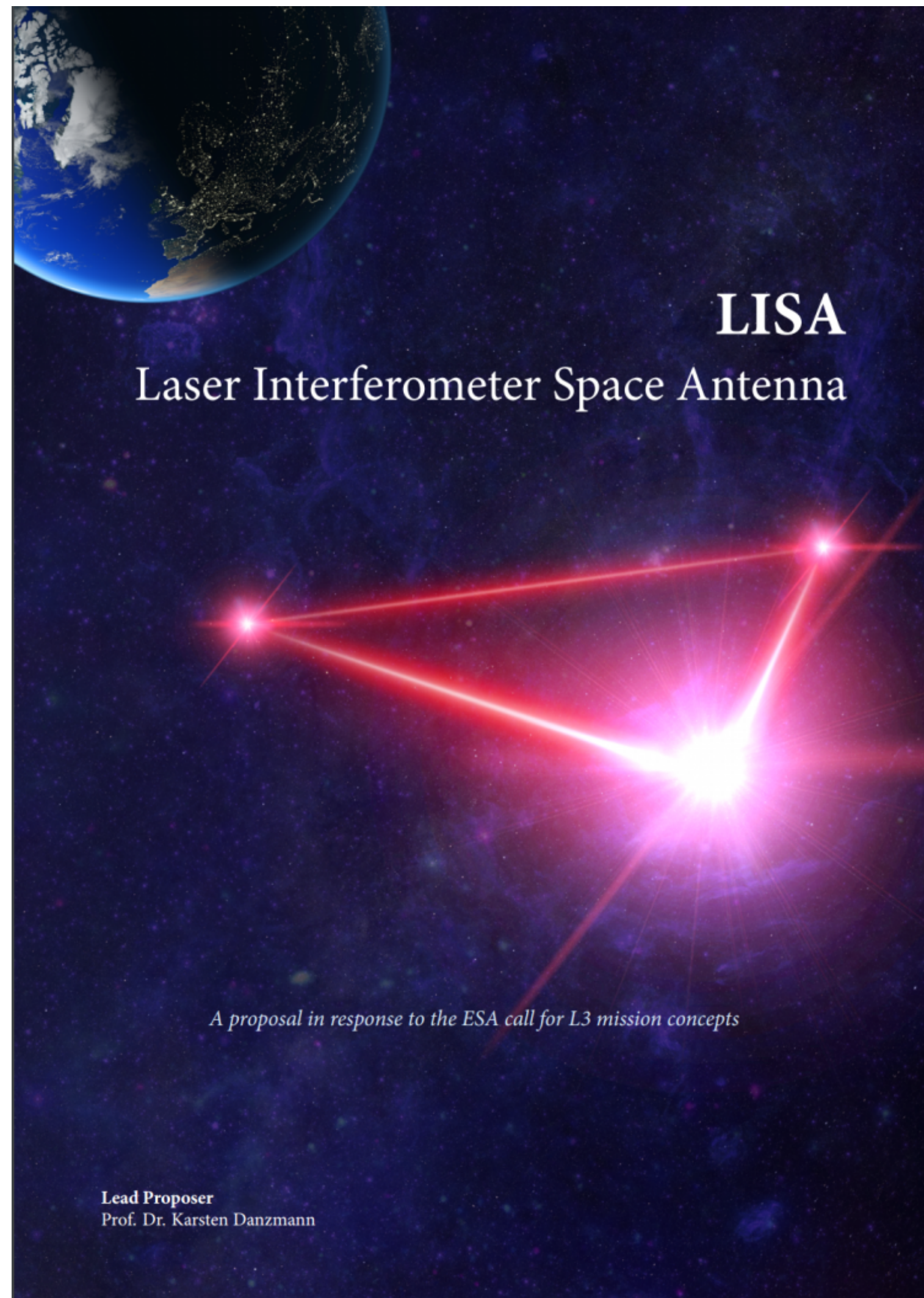
# Gravitational Wave Science Interest Group



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# Current focus: LISA and LISA Pathfinder





# Status of LISA — wonderful!

knock on wood

Selected as the L3 mission with 2034 launch date

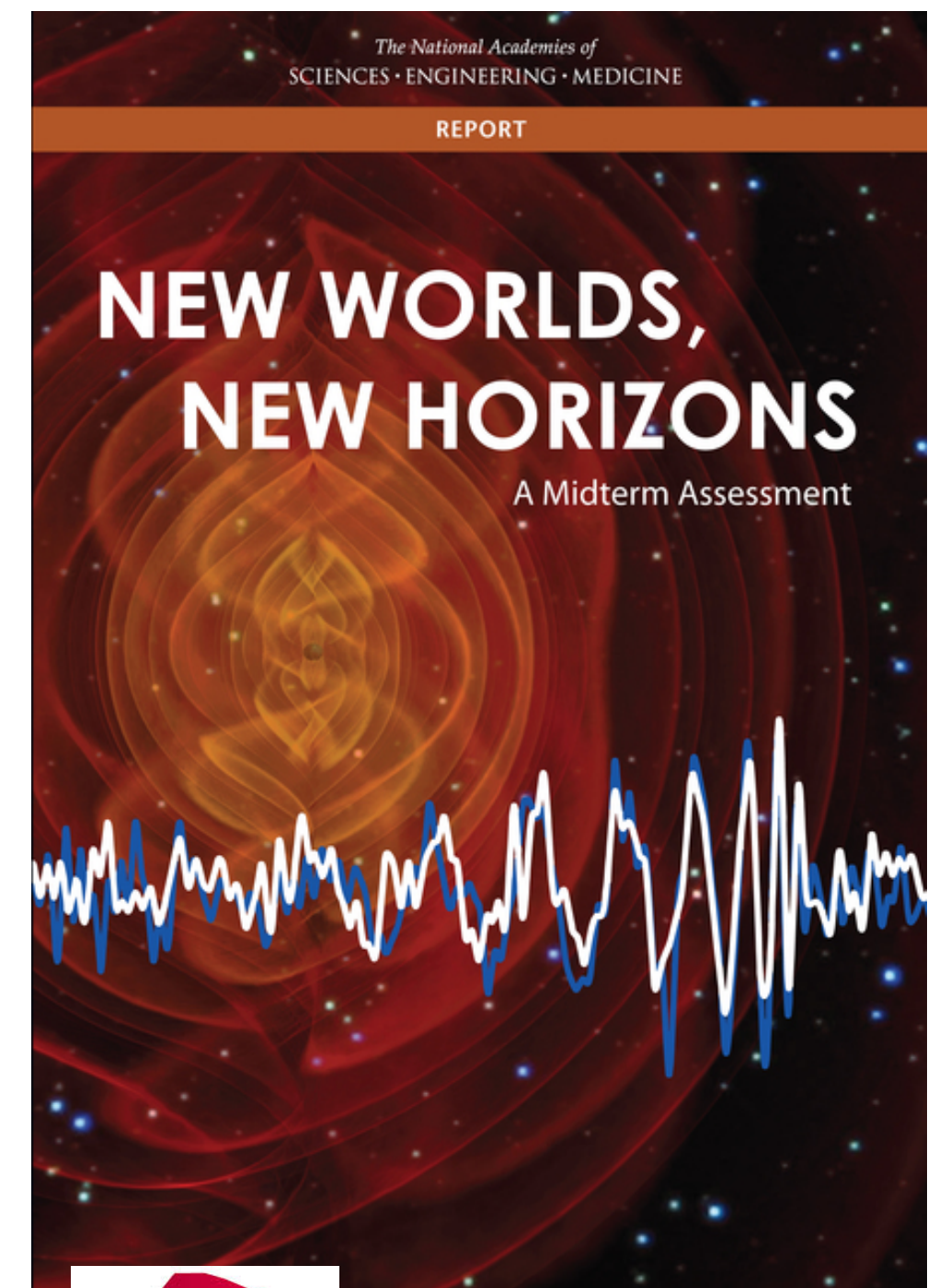
Entering Phase A any minute now

NASA planning to form a Project Office late 2018/early 2019

Established a NASA LISA Study Team

Launched a new LISA Preparatory Science call for proposals

Relaunch of LISA Consortium



+ = Go LISA!

# GWSIG is using this momentum to help build the field

Think-tanks/workshops with astronomers

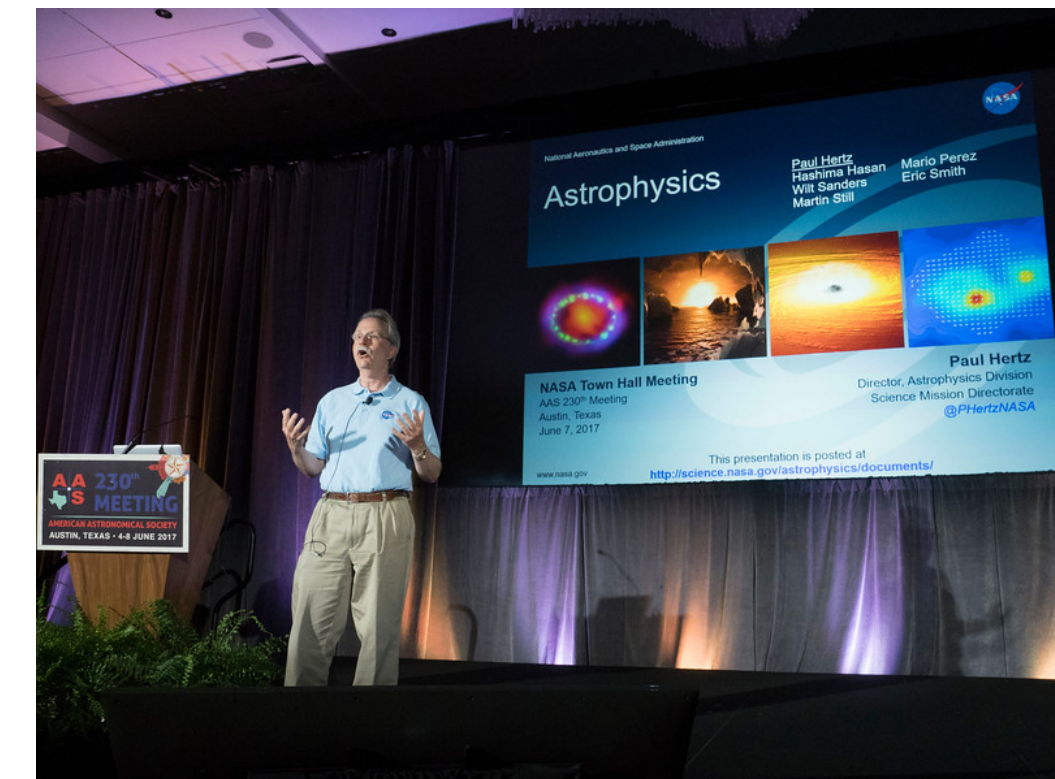
Reach out to NASA missions and large surveys

Gather feedback on Decadal timing and potential delay

Deploy GWSIG members to give LISA talks/colloquia in US

Work with PCOS Multi-Messenger Science Analysis Group and the NASA LISA Study Team

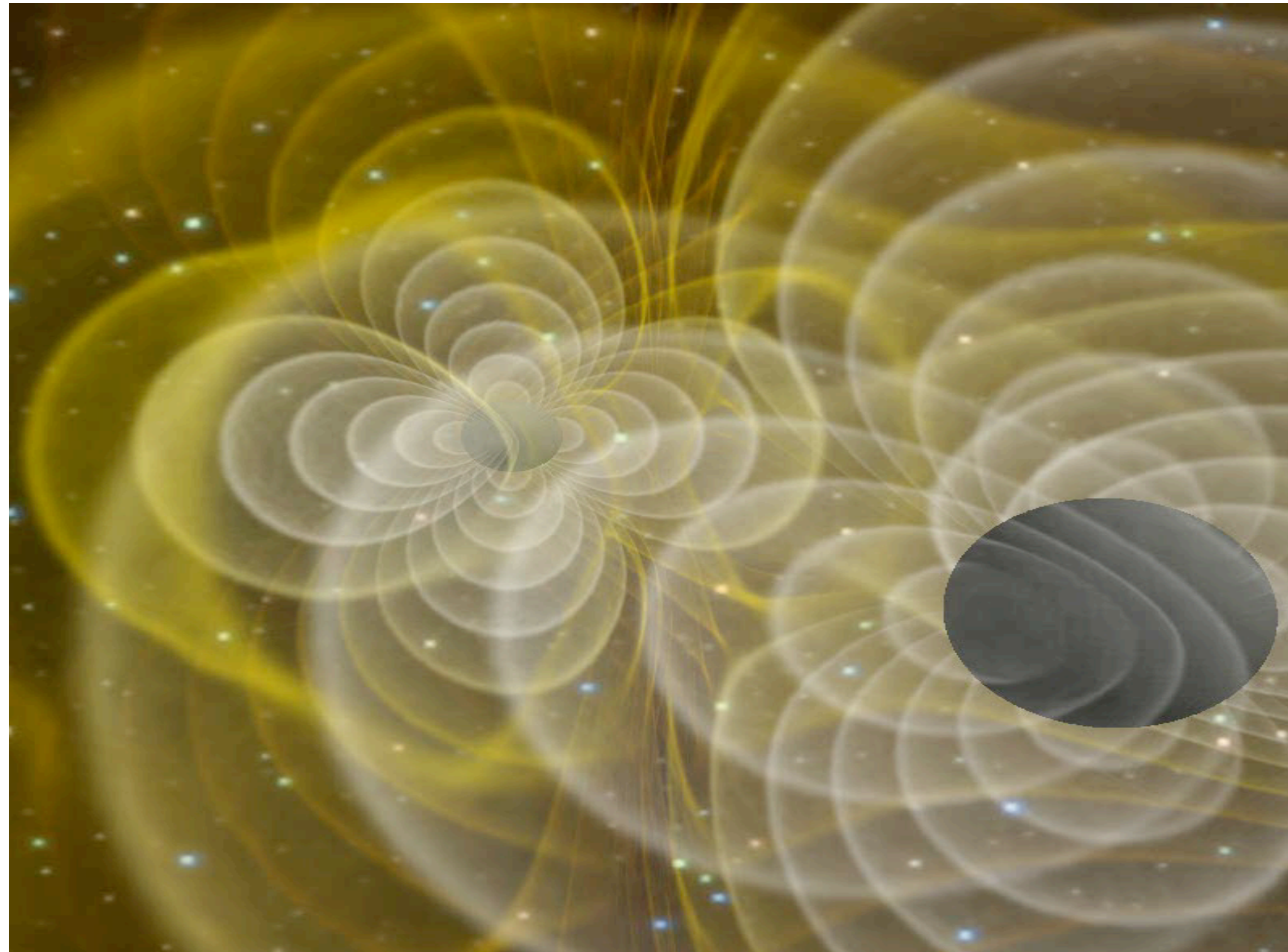
Help coordinate Decadal White Papers





Example from AAS

LISA+LUVOIR = AWESOME



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Example from AAS

LUVOIR can  
help maximize  
LISA science,  
even without  
electromagnetic  
counterparts!

— accurate black hole mass **measurements** up to  $z \sim 8$  for  $10^5 < 10^7 M_\odot$

— **connecting SMBH birth/growth during the dark ages**

— the type of galaxy for SMBH hosts

— BH occupation fraction up to  $z \sim 8$  and for  $M_{\text{gal}} = \text{small}$

— find evidence of binary black holes (enlist time-domain?)

— look for recoiling AGN (can get 3-d space velocity) — maps to SMBH spin and mass ratio before SMBH merger

— measure galaxy merger rate to constrain SMBH merger dynamics (esp. @ low mass end)

— hypervelocity stars from 3-body scattering out to Coma?

— pulsar planets, nearby highly eccentric and/or hot Jupiter planets (regardless of inclination)

— nuclear structure to connect EMRIs to tidal disruption events, and to constrain core scouring

— observations of compact binaries to better understand common envelope phase



**Wow! How can I get involved?**

**Start now! LISA work sessions from 5-11pm at this meeting!**

**Start now! Stop by the PCOS booth and talk with us!**

**Start now! Sign up for the GWSIG!**

**Start soon! July 8th work session before LISA Symposium in Chicago!**



*Thanks!*



# NASA LISA Study Team

## Science Team

independent scientists

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folks paid by NASA

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people with power

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## Reason for Existing

### The US 2020 Decadal Survey

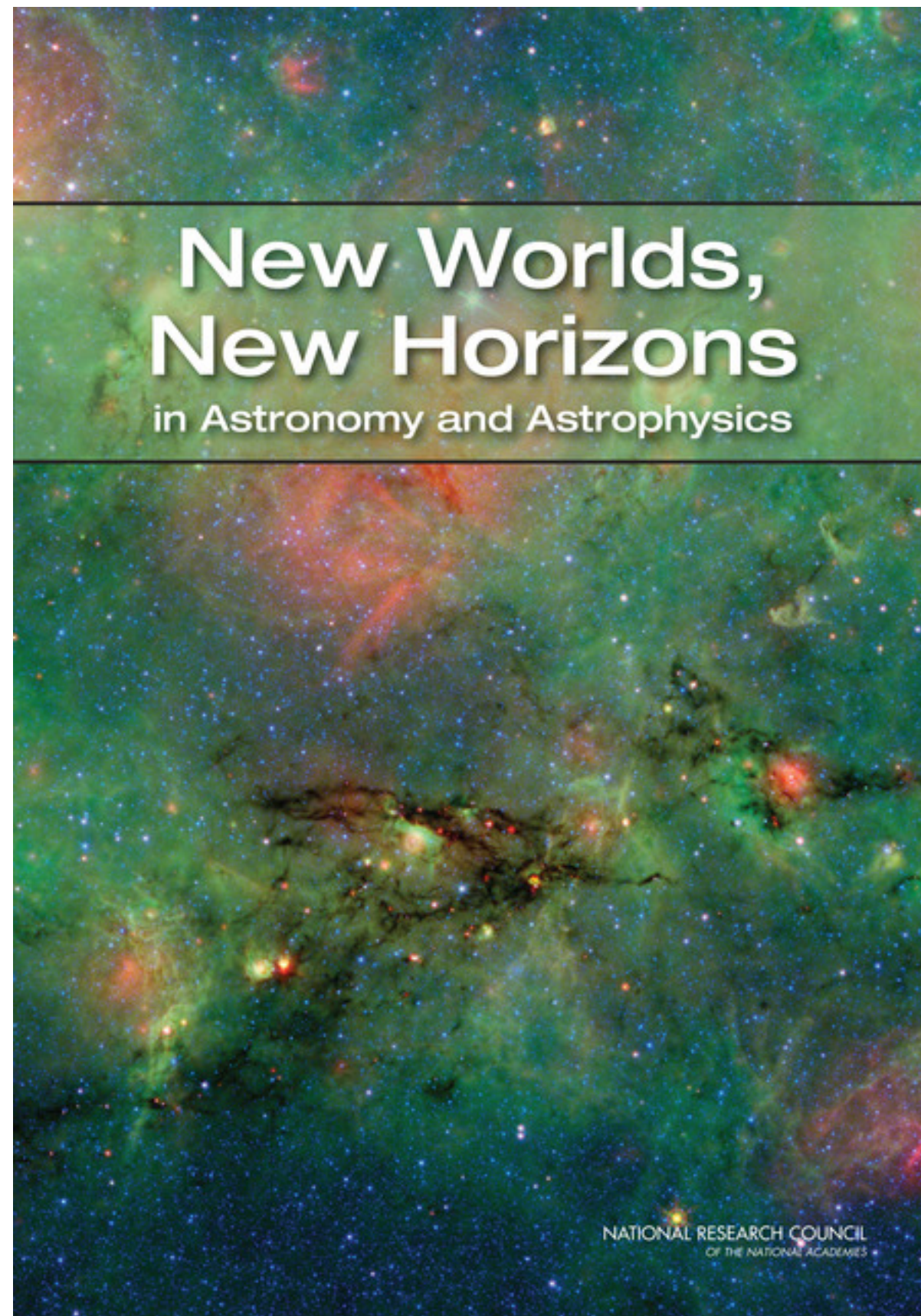
Placing well in the 2020 US Astronomy Decadal Survey will protect LISA from budget cuts, cost overruns, the winds of change...

### 'Advoreach' (advocacy+ outreach)

To get the most science out of LISA, we need to build capacity in the new field of gravitational wave astronomy. This requires a huge, formal, and persistent effort to train scientists at all levels, from senior faculty to undergraduates.



# Introduction to Decadal reports



NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Energy commission the National Academy of Science to recommend the priorities in astrophysics for the next decade — the federal agencies follow these recommendations closely.

## Survey Committee Members, Panel Members and NRC Staff

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Science at Very High Resolution:  
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The most important observational discoveries result from  
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# A word about the 2010 white papers

356 submitted. 9 LISA (70 pages)

The Scientific Capabilities of the James Webb Space Telescope

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Most impactful were from general science community

## Coordinated Science in the Gravitational and Electromagnetic Skies

### A Whitepaper Submitted to the Decadal Survey Committee

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Magnetic Fields in Stellar Astrophysics

A White Paper Submitted to the Astro-2010 Decadal Survey

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Astrophysical Plasmas (www.cmso.info./), an NSF Physics Frontier Center  
in partnership with DoE.

Science Frontier Panel: Stars and Stellar Evolution (SSE)

From Discovery to Understanding:  
Principles for Maximizing Scientific Return on Exoplanet Research

A Science White Paper to be submitted to the  
Astronomy and Astrophysics 2010 Survey's  
Planetary Systems and Star Formation Panel

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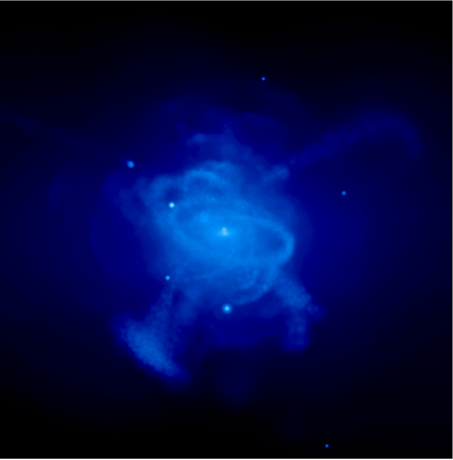
The Missing Baryons in the Milky Way and Local Group

A White Paper submitted to The Galactic Neighborhood Science Frontiers Panel

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The Milky Way and Local Volume  
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Simulated stellar halo formed from accreted satellite galaxies (Bullock &  
Johnston 2005). Box is 400 kpc on a side. The majority of structures are very  
low surface brightness – detectable only via resolved star studies.



# The 2010 LISA white papers

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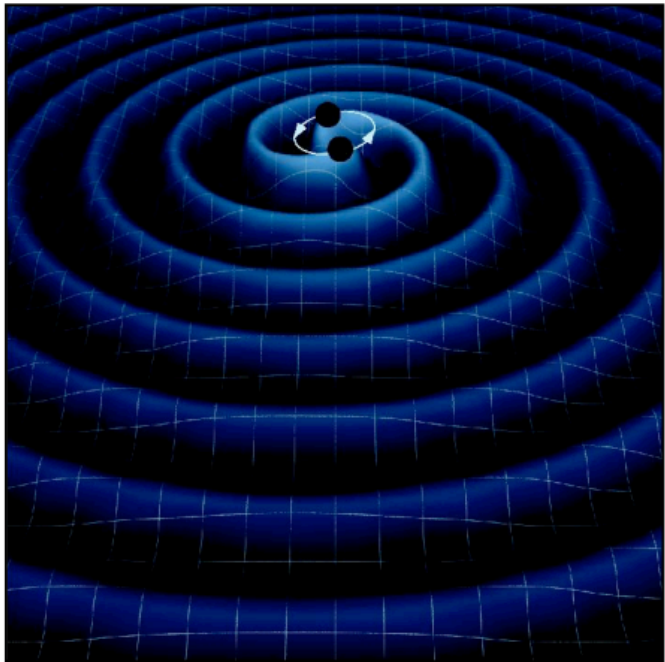
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## Precision Cosmology with Gravitational Waves

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Measurement of distance underlies much of astronomy and cosmology. An important example is the Hubble constant, which has had a long history of steady refinement (for example, as an HST Key Project) but still has calibration errors of order ten percent. A low frequency gravitational wave detector, such as LISA, has the potential to measure absolutely calibrated distances to individual black hole binary sources with absolute precision better than one percent. Although the number of detected sources is uncertain, the best estimates indicate that a large number of precise distances will be available from LISA--- enough to bring a transformative new tool to precision cosmology.

Precision cosmology characterizes the structure and behavior of the Universe as a whole: its global curvature, its expansion with time, and the behavior of perturbations. The global curvature of space is a relic of the earliest moments of inflation and carries information about the initial conditions of the Universe; cosmic expansion history tests models of the new physics of dark energy; and cosmological perturbations test the dynamical predictions of general relativity on the largest scales. More than simply mapping our Universe, precision cosmology explores in detail the physics of space, time, matter and energy at the opposite extremes to black holes: the lowest density, the largest scales, and the earliest times.

For the most powerful tests we seek not only high precision, but also a variety of different techniques that measure global spacetime in different ways. Precision measurements of cosmic microwave background (CMB) anisotropies (from COBE, balloon- and ground-based experiments, WMAP, and soon, Planck Surveyor), currently set the highest standard of quality: CMB now reliably determines certain combinations of cosmological parameters with precision at a level of a few percent. Combining other types of measurements with the CMB data breaks degeneracies in fundamental quantities, increases reliability by controlling systematic errors, probes recent expansion where dark energy dominates, and allows deeper questions to be asked: for example, whether dark energy varies with time or reflects a need to modify the theory of gravity on large scales (rather than a new form of energy).

Improved precision in measurements of cosmological quantities, such as absolute and relative distances, the power spectrum of density fluctuations, and the growth of structure, have thus emerged as a top priority of cosmological research. Over the next decade several large programs are being carried forward with this goal (Albrecht *et al.* 2006). Each of the proposed techniques has complementary strengths, weaknesses, sources of systematic errors and physical and astro-

nomical assumptions, and thus it is prudent to pursue a balanced program of many approaches.

A special challenge is calibration of the large-scale cosmos to absolute (ultimately, laboratory) standards of length or time. Such measurements allow globally-measured quantities, such as CMB angles and galaxy redshifts, to be connected to locally-measured quantities,

**Science questions**

- What is the nature of dark energy?
- What other forms of energy exist?
- How did the Universe begin?
- What is size and shape of the Universe?

Tone: persuasive

Length: shorter

Depth: not really

such as the temperature of the cosmic microwave background, cosmic chronometers, and element abundances. Traditionally this absolute calibration employs a cosmic distance ladder: Direct geometrical parallax measurements of nearby stars calibrate indirect measures for larger distances, in a series of steps extending to cosmological scales. This indirect approach adds substantial errors even to the best distance indicators at large distances, such as Type Ia supernovae. Other more direct absolute calibrators (such as geometrical distances to distant megamaser sources) are now being developed but still present major challenges in systematic reliability and precision, and require a variety of assumptions — again, requiring multiple approaches for a robust result.

LISA will add a unique and complementary new tool: absolutely calibrated distances determined by measuring the waves generated by binary black hole inspiral and mergers. Measurement of these inspiral waves makes it possible to directly determine the luminosity distance to a single source with an intrinsic precision that in favorable cases can be as good as 0.1%. (This is the “raw” value we would achieve given only instrumental limitations, if the waves could propagate with no disturbance from source to observer. In reality, effects such as weak gravitational lensing will degrade this precision, by an order of magnitude at large distances.) The intrinsic precision may be higher than any other technique, in some respects even better than the CMB, and it brings an absolute physical calibration, tied directly to laboratory time standards, based on gravity alone, unlike any other technique.

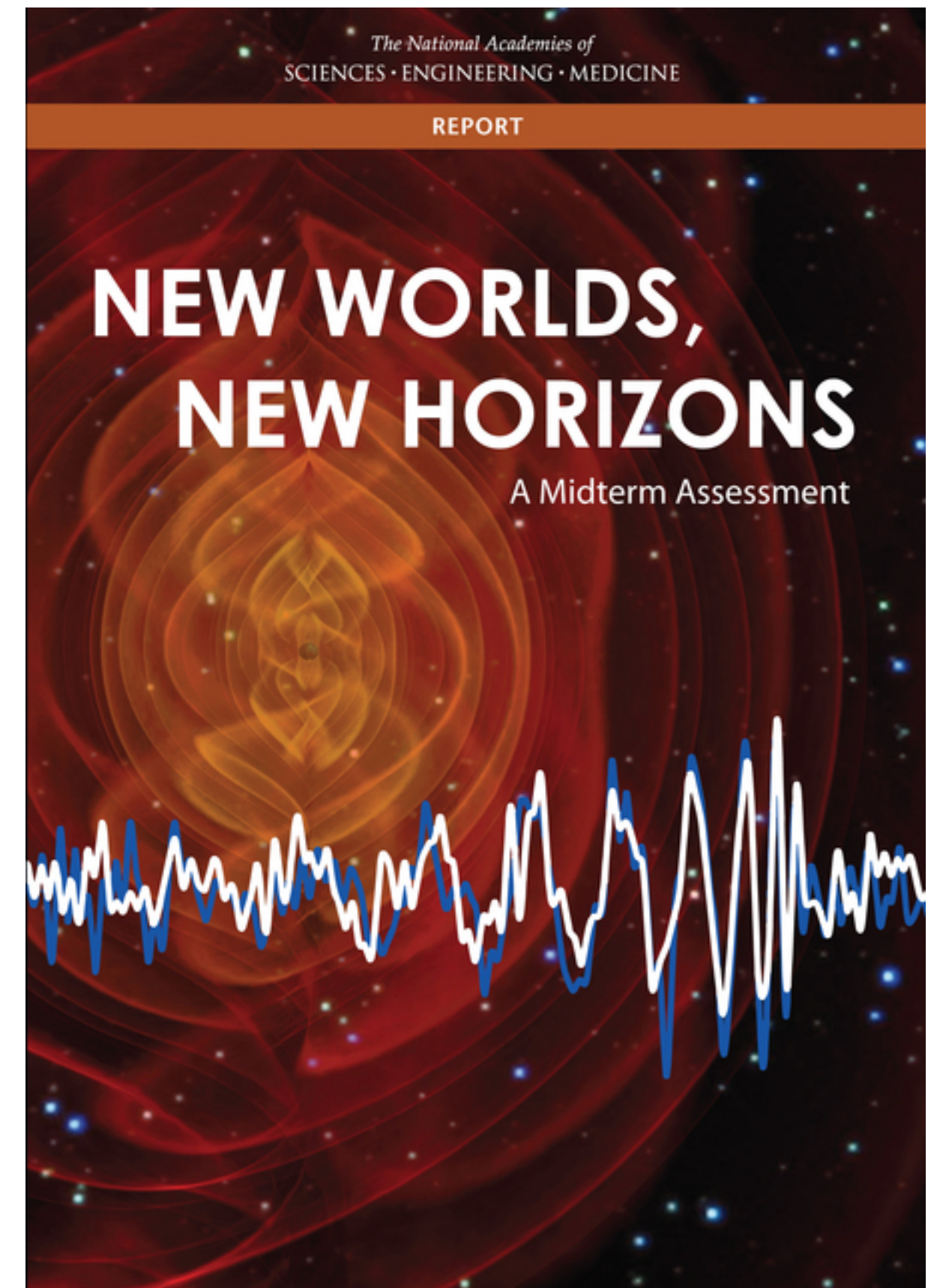
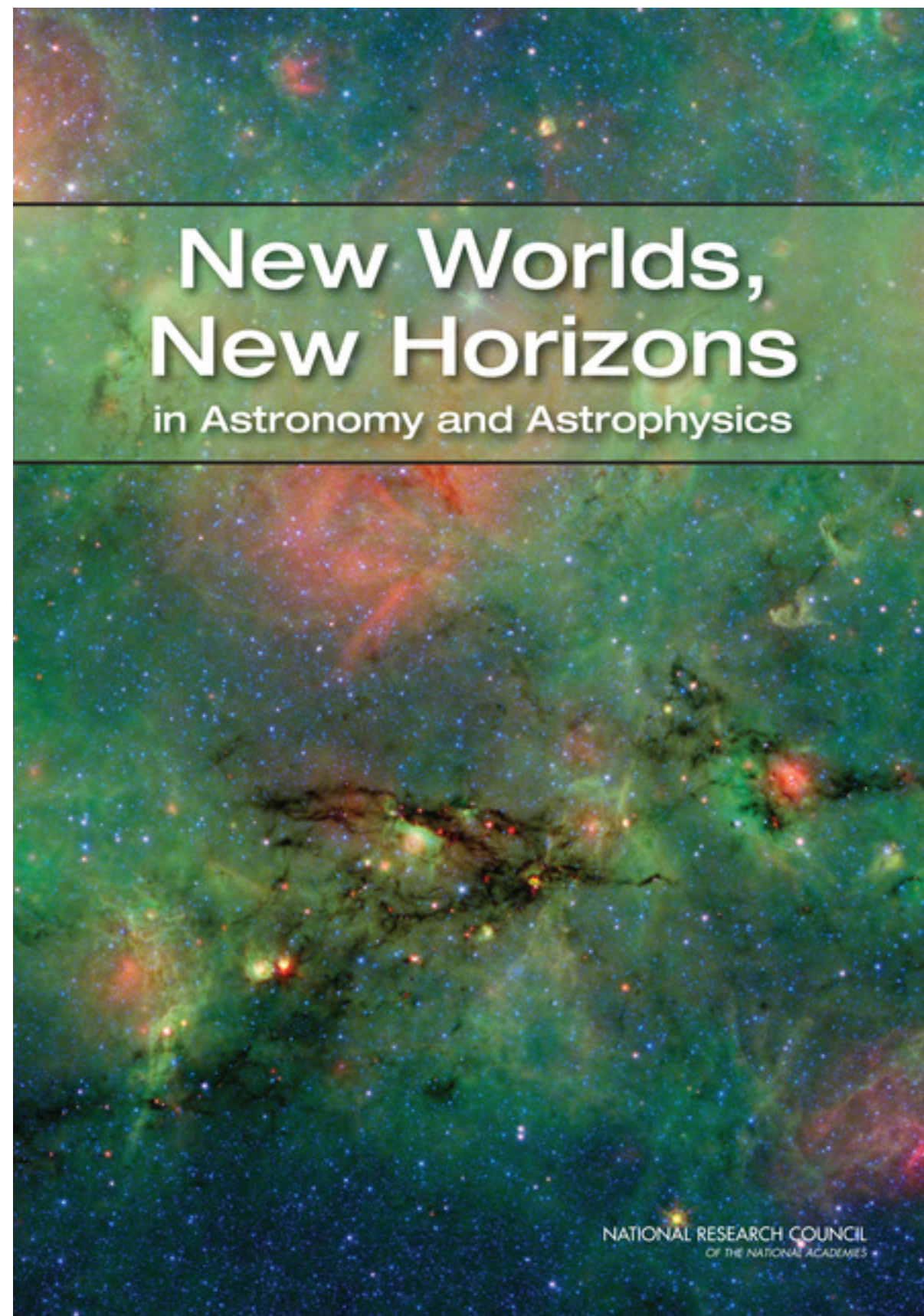
Since the BHB technique yields independent and physically calibrated absolute distances it complements other techniques of precision cosmology, many of which yield relative distances only, and all of which use different assumptions with radically different systematic errors and biases from BHBs. Calibration of the absolute distance scale, in combination with CMB measurements alone, and a definite scaling law for the dark energy power-law parameter  $w(a)$ , allows a determination of  $w$  with high precision (Hu 2005, Eisenstein & White 2004). Similarly, a one percent constraint on absolute distance, combined with the CMB data, yields  $\sim 10^{-3}$  error on

**Precise and absolute distances from gravitational waves**

Waveforms from black hole binary (BHB) merger inspirals yield absolute distances to high redshift. The individual raw absolute precision for a single event depends on signal-to-noise and other factors, but often is better than one percent. The absolute physical calibration, high per-event precision, and large redshift range all represent new and unique capabilities. A redshift-distance relation with this approach requires an independent electromagnetic estimate of the host galaxy redshift, either statistically or by identifying the host directly. Additional errors are added by weak lensing noise at high  $z$ . It is estimated that LISA will measure the Hubble constant and other parameters to better than 1% accuracy, and will probe global curvature and cosmic dark energy with a precision comparable to other methods. The technique complements other methods: their combination provides unique information about the new physics of dark energy, and new tests of concordance cosmology.



# LISA was #2 priority in the 2010 Decadal, major priority in mid-decadal



*LISA science is strong, but  
the technology is unproven*

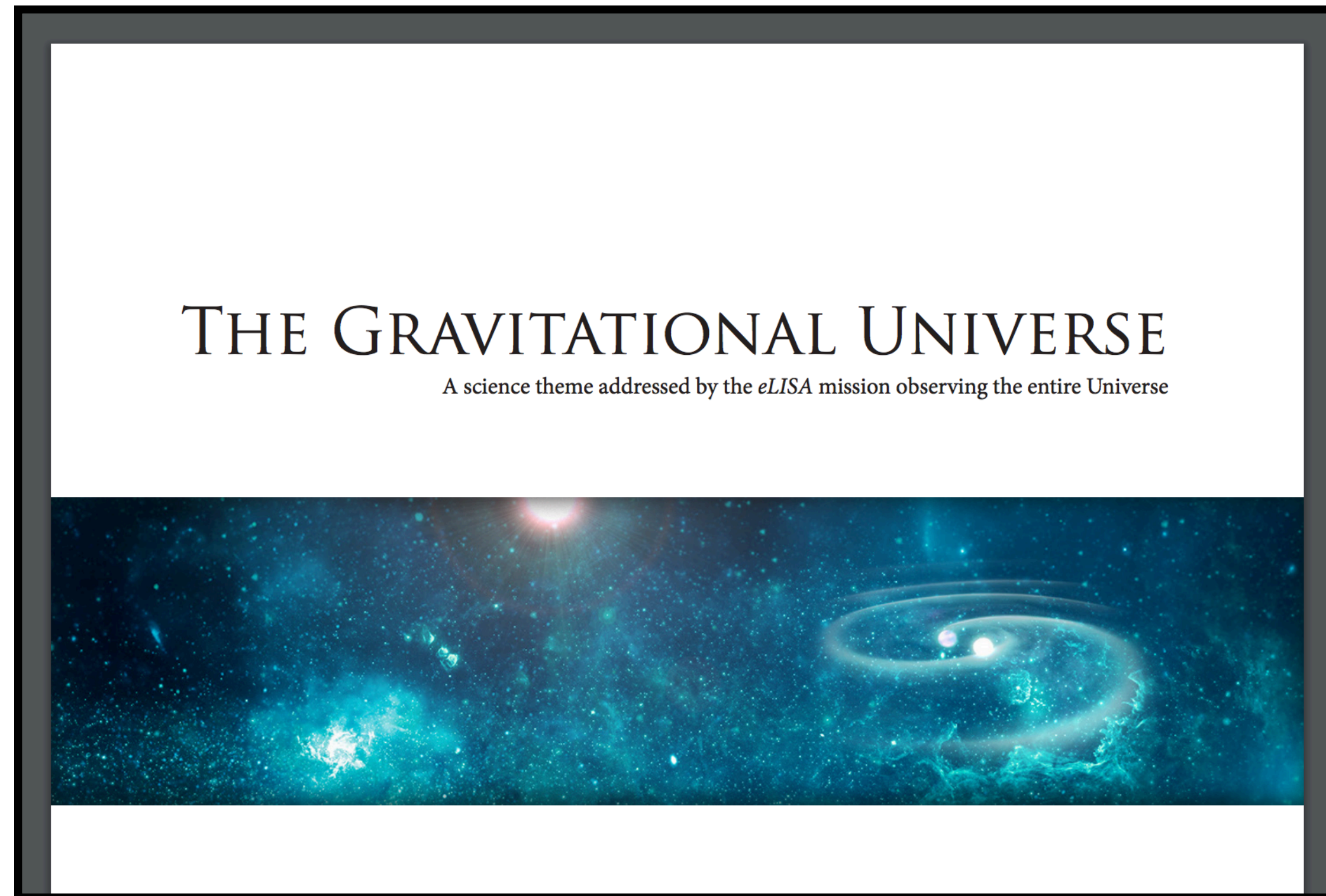


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= Go LISA!



# Multi-pronged Strategy for the 2020 Decadal



Base a series of LISA mission papers that tightly couple to the LISA science case

...and curate a new set of science-based white papers with strong LISA content, written by community astronomers

LISA White Papers: written and edited in teams — assume 5 page limit

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Official White Papers from the LISA Consortium	Lead Author	Co-authors	OVERLEAF or SHARELATEX LINK	Comments on 2nd draft: April 6th	Full semi-polished draft after April APS meeting (4/20)	restructuring to comply with Decadal format	Notes
2								
3	Refresh chapters of LISA Mission Proposal for Decadal (potential chapters below)							These are the official LISA White Papers. They should reflect the science case of the Consortium
4								
5	Tests of GR/Fundamental Physics	Emanuele Berti	(Nico Yunes), Deirdre Shoemaker	<a href="https://www.overleaf.com/13665227mzwvfrqwmzv/b#/52852542/">https://www.overleaf.com/13665227mzwvfrqwmzv/b#/52852542/</a>				
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9	IMBHs/Seeds: Demographic approach	Priya	KHB					
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11	IMBHs/Seeds: the complementary approach to the demographic approach (TBR)	Jillian	KHB	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1duZtjhfFV_yHXJXJjiROHqadFJHxh0w/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1duZtjhfFV_yHXJXJjiROHqadFJHxh0w/view</a>				This one is close in tone to a community paper -- we can easily edit it to be closer to a LISA WP
12								
13	Cosmology and large-scale structure chapter	Robert Caldwell	Brittany, Craig Hogan	<a href="https://www.overleaf.com/13605791jdwzvcxsqz#/52592232/">https://www.overleaf.com/13605791jdwzvcxsqz#/52592232/</a>				
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15	UCBs	Warren Brown, Mike Eracleous and Shane Larson, Tyson Littenberg	(David Shoemaker: critical readthrough and naive questions)	<a href="https://www.overleaf.com/">https://www.overleaf.com/</a>				
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17	Multi-frequency GW chapter	Curt Cutler	Tyson Littenberg, Sarah Burke Spolaor, David Shoemaker	<a href="https://www.overleaf.com/13500984xrpdxljbzxfqd#/52130568/">https://www.overleaf.com/13500984xrpdxljbzxfqd#/52130568/</a>				
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19	EMRI chapter		Scott Hughes (TBC)					
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21	Building a field and/or working with EM Astros	Kelly H-B	Joey Shapiro Key	<a href="https://www.overleaf.com/">https://www.overleaf.com/</a>				
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23	Discovery chapter	Neil Cornish	Brittany, Craig (TBC)	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cm3-Lrq0ksg5uefSxm37QnbW3iUFkKbr/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cm3-Lrq0ksg5uefSxm37QnbW3iUFkKbr/view?usp=sharing</a>				
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25	"Overall" LISA Science Case	Sean McWilliams		<a href="https://www.overleaf.com/10460245vsgsyikqynbq#/38975484/">https://www.overleaf.com/10460245vsgsyikqynbq#/38975484/</a>				
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can recruit beyond NLST/SST



# Community papers: Science questions that will advance in the 2020's (with help from LISA)

26								
27	Community Paper Ideas	Lead Coordinator	Co-authors			Rough First Draft Summer Deadline	Full 2nd Draft after WP announcement	Notes
28		You will be the person who organizes						
29	Recruiting Other White Papers - Friends							These are papers about a general scientific issue, and the promise of new data,models,techniques in addressing it. LISA will not be the focus, but rather a delicious dish on the buffet of things that will help. We would assist in writing the LISA paragraph if needed.
30								
31	EM Counterparts of EMRIs	Mike Eracleous	Suvi Gezari	<a href="https://www.overleaf.com/13432957fspxxtwmzdm/b#/51838428/">https://www.overleaf.com/13432957fspxxtwmzdm/b#/51838428/</a>				
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33	Intermediate Mass Black Holes	Jillian Bellovary	Kelly HB, Deirdre					
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35	Binary evolution of single sources							Clarification of the topic is appreciated.
36								
37	BH Seeds	Priya Natarajan	Jillian					
38								
39	Multi-messenger of SMBBHs	Sean McWilliams	Shane, John Baker, Scott Noble					several papers possible, TBD
40								
41	Improving NR Simulations with LISA Data	Deirdre Shoemaker	Shane Larson, John Baker					NR being driven by Data
42								
43	TDEs	same as EMRIs; see above						
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45	Dual AGN							
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47	AGNs in Dwarfs							
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49	Quantum effects in ringdown of BHs (in general, not necessarily with LISA)							
50								
51	SMBH evolution	KHB	possibly Marta Volonteri, Tiziana DiMatteo					
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53	LISA+LUVOIR	KHB	Maybe John O'Meara?					
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55	LISA+ Lynx							
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# Issues to think about — an incomplete list

Authorship: want to invite participation from full LISA Consortium — how to manage?

Staying true to the LISA Science Case

Curating white papers from traditional astronomers — coordination, duplication?

How to best market to **astronomers**, not compete?





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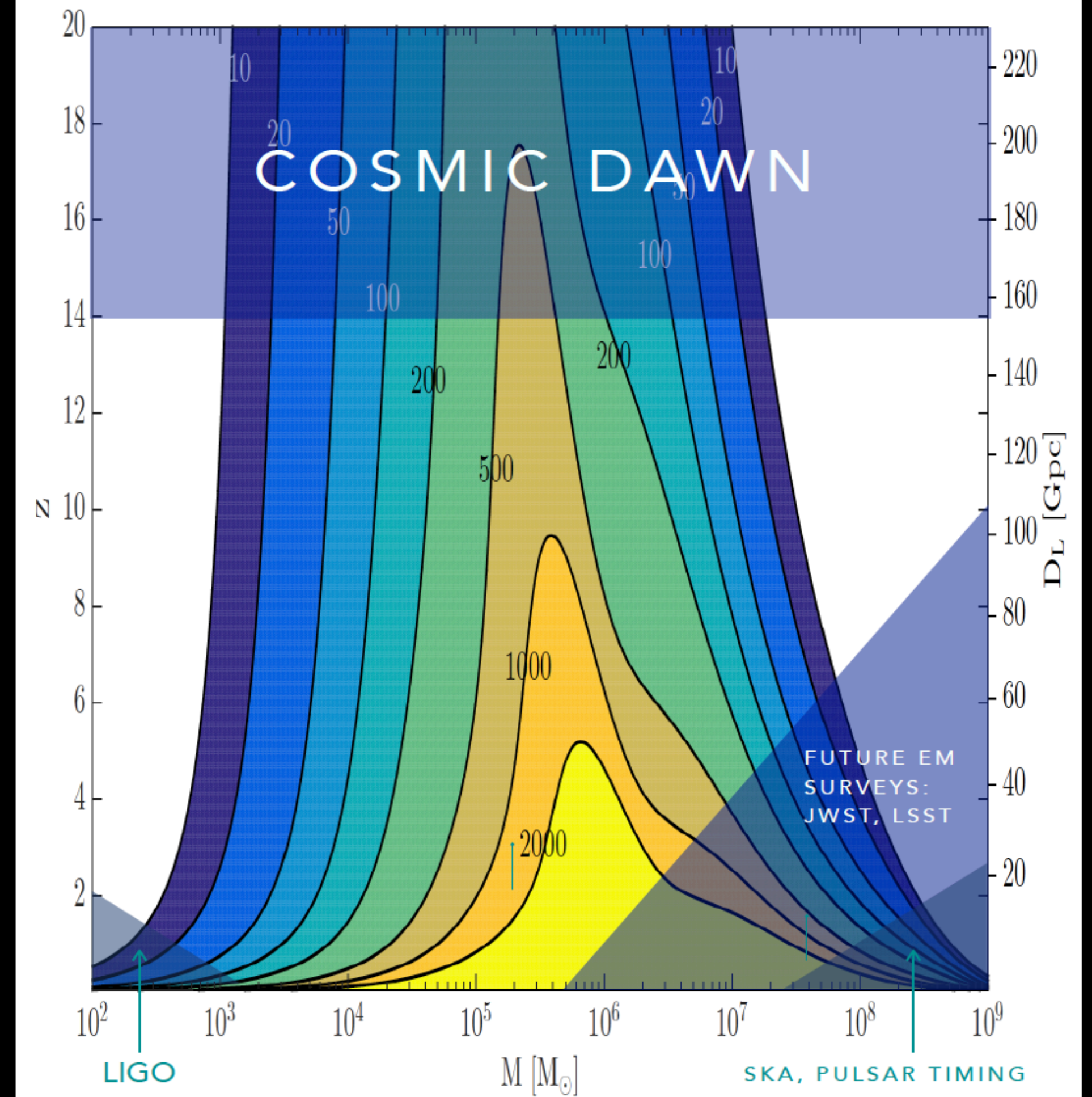




DO YOU LIKE SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLES?

LISA WILL DETECT  
SUPERMASSIVE BLACK HOLES  
MERGING OUT TO  $z \sim 20$ .

THE UNIVERSE TALKS. LISA WILL LISTEN



LISA IS DESIGNED TO DETECT THE INSPIRAL AND MERGER OF INTERMEDIATE AND MASSIVE MILKY WAY-CLASS BLACK HOLES WITH SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIOS IN THE HUNDREDS THROUGHOUT THE CURRENTLY OBSERVABLE UNIVERSE AND INTO THE COSMIC DAWN, AN EPOCH INACCESSIBLE WITH TRADITIONAL SURVEYS.



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Deploy LISA Consortium to give LISA talks/colloquia in US

and create repository for talk materials

Coordinate with NASA Physics of the Cosmos Multi-Messenger Science Analysis Group





# Materials that will facilitate buy-in of Astro community

58	Primers	Lead Author	Awesome helpers		Going to Printers for APS: April 7	
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60	Mass + Distance no longer the bane of your existance					
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62	What do GWs tell you (show mass/distance/spin/angular resolution examples/vignettes)	Shane Larson	Tyson Littenberg, Mike Eracleous,John Baker, Emanuele Berti			
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64	Flyer showing GW specturm w/ LISA, LIGO, PTA	Brittany Kamai	Jeff Hazboun, Joey Key			
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66	LISA Factsheet	John Baker	Emanuele Berti, Sean McWilliams			
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68	Vignettes: SMBHs, mass+distance...	KHB	yes, please!	need edits and new vignette ideas		
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70	Ascii file of strain sensitivity curve+jupyter notebook+strain primer for astros	Neil Cornish	Paul McNamara		Done and on arXiv	
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72	FAQs on LISA instrument and mission					
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76	Urgent materials					
77	Can I see my source? observer tool					
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79	Zeroth order after mission catalog: m1,m2,distance -- maybe RA, dec, spin and eccentricity					
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81	Talk repository					
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83	Banner, for heavens sake.					
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## Upcoming in-person work sessions:

April APS meeting (4/14–4/18): drop in writing session 7-9pm each evening

Before LISA Symposium (July 8): day-long workathon

Late August (maybe at STScI?): NLST Face to Face (+ writing)



Dear LISA SST: **We're in this together.** We need writers, speakers, artists, excited people, nitpickers, and hard workers to share the load!

*Thanks!*